

October 12, 2021

Representative Brinkman

Ohio District 14

1 Capitol Square

Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Opposition to HB 227 the “Permit less Carry” bill

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My Name is Neil Moore. I have been a gun owner for over 50 years and do believe in the lawful right to own guns in a responsible way. Currently, I am a volunteer with “Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense” as well as other gun safety organization. Thank you for giving me the time to hear my testimony. I am here today to share with you why, as an Ohioan and gun owner, I am opposed to HB 227 and its sweeping rollback of public safety laws in our state.

As a gun owner of several types of guns over many years, the most important aspect of owning a gun was safety in handling and usage. In order to get a hunting license while living in California, I had to take a two week course on gun safety and safe hunting practices. I recognize that guns can be dangerous and deadly if mishandled. No one should have access to a gun that has not taken safety and training classes.

Allowing people to carry concealed handguns without a background check or any safety training is an accident waiting to happen. It would allow people who are not responsible or knowledgeable about guns to have a gun available in questionable places or situation. Worse yet, law enforcement officers will not be able to determine a “good guy with a gun from a bad guy with a gun” in public view.

The current “Conceal Carry” law in Ohio requires a background check and training. Why does the Ohio Legislation feel that this law needs to be amended to allow “Permit less Carry”?

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